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SUBJ: EXPO 75

1. DISCUSSION TODAY WITH JAOE OFFICIAL (OKAMOTO) TURNED UP
FOLLOWING:

A. B.I.E. CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE WILL MEET SOMETIME IN
FEBRUARY (EXACT DATE UNKNOWN) TO FORMALLY APPROVE NEW DATES
FOR EXPO. PRO FORMA.

B. WITH POSTPONEMENT, DEADLINE FOR SIGNING CONTRACTS WILL
BE SET BACK FROM FEBRUARY TO END OF JUNE.

C. SOVIET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPRESENTATIVES SPENT TWO
DAYS ON
OKINAWA RECENTLY AND MORE TIME IN TOKYO IN "VERY
DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS" WITH JAOE. WANTED MORE EXHIBIT
SPACE THAN THE AMERICANS BUT WERE REFUSED. WANTED FREE USE
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OF PROPOSED RESTAURANT FACILITIES BUT WERE TOLD THEY MUST

FOLLOW GENERAL REGULATIONS. WANT PERMISSION TO SEND 100

TO 150 SUPERVISORS AND WORKERS TO OKINAWA DURING CONSTRUCTION PERIOD (AND MAY RECEIVE IT). RECEIVED PERMISSION TO BRING IN AN OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH VESSEL BUT WERE UNCERTAIN OF ITS DISPLACEMENT AND DRAFT (ANYTHING OVER FIVE METERS MUST BE ANCHORED OUTSIDE EXPO HARBOR).

D. MOFA AND NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY WERE "VERY NERVOUS" ABOUT SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES DURING THEIR TWO DAYS ON OKINAWA AND ALSO ABOUT PROPOSED CONTINGENT OF SOVIETS DURING CONSTRUCTION, MAINLY "BECAUSE OF SECURITY CONCERNS REGARDING AMERICAN BASES."

E. SOVIET TENTATIVELY HOPE SIGN CONTRACT IN FEBRUARY.

F. FORMER JAPAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION (NHK) PRESIDENT YOSHINORI MAEDA HAS BEEN NAMED TO HEAD TASK-FORCE MANAGERIAL GROUP TO COORDINATE ENTERTAINMENT (BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC) FOR EXPO. GROUP WILL REPORT TO MITI AND DENTSU ADVERTISING AGENCY WILL SERVE AS ITS OPERATIONAL ARM. IN EFFECT, THIS GROUP REPLACES JAIIE DEPARTMENT FORMERLY CHARGED WITH ENTERTAINMENT MATTERS. MAEDA'S PRESTIGE WILL BE USED TO ENCOURAGE BEST POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION BY JAPANESE AND FOREIGN ENTERTAINERS. LARGE JAPANESE CULTURAL ENTREPRENEURS SUCH AS MAJOR NEWSPAPERS WHICH ALREADY FORMULATING PLANS TO BRING IN TOP ENTERTAINERS WILL BE COORDINATED BY MAEDA GROUP. DESPITE LACK OF LEAD TIME, MAEDA CAN BE EXPECTED TRY FOR MAJOR PRESENTATIONS SUCH AS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS.

G. PLANS FOR ENTERTAINMENT COMPLICATED BY AMBIGUITY CONCERNING FACILITIES AT EXPO SITE. ORIGINAL PLANS FOR MEDIUM-SIZED AUDITORIUM IN ABEYANCE BECAUSE OF INFLATION. AUTHORITIES NOW CONSIDERING HALL OF 200 TO 300 SEATS. OF COURSE, PERFORMING ARTISTS ALSO WOULD BE SCHEDULED COMMERCIALY THROUGHOUT JAPAN.

2. JAIIE MOST INTERESTED IN USG PLANS FOR PARTICIPATION. ASSUMES WE'LL BE ON BOARD WHEN GOOD SHIP MOTOBU SAILS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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